

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

SCHMIDT et al.

Examiner: MANLOVE, Shalie A.

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Title: Silver Pigments

AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313 -1450

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated December 16, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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